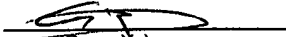




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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated June 14, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to October 14, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection. The following remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

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